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Photo by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

## And all that jazz ...

Performers for the *Tops In Blue* entertain the audience at the Tucson Convention Center Sunday. For more information on *Tops In Blue*, see ***Tops In Blue entertains D-M, Tucson***, Page 15.

## D-M, Tucson help displaced citizens from hurricane

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy  
355th Wing Public Affairs

With few things in-hand and next to everything gone in their hometown, displaced citizens from Hurricane Katrina have spread to various locations around the United States seeking shelter, food and a place to sleep.

The Tucson Convention Center opened up its doors Sept. 7 for the first group of people and Tucson citizens opened their hearts.

Approximately 2,000 volunteers have helped to prepare for the displaced citizens, including Davis-Monthan Airmen.

"Since (Sept. 3), we had Davis-Monthan representatives involved in the initial planning efforts at the mayor's office (and) county officials meetings to help prepare to shelter 500 (to) 1,000 displaced people from the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina," said Lt. Col. David Carrell, 355th Mission Support Group deputy commander. "We have field grade officers acting as D-M liaisons — one on day shift and one on nights."

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## Air Force names D-M Airman as best intelligence Airman of year

By Capt. Esmeralda Silvestre  
12th Air Force Public Affairs

A D-M Airman was named the Air Force's Outstanding Active Duty Intelligence Airman of the Year.

Senior Airman Anthony Jett, newly assigned to the 755th Operational Support Squadron and a former 612th Air Intelligence Squadron analyst, was recognized as the best of the best in the Air Force for his contributions to the intelligence

community in 2004.

"Airmen Jett should be on a recruiting poster," said Col. Mark McAlpine, 612th Air Intelligence Group commander. "He represents the very best of what we look for in an Airman — dedicated to mission, unit and Air Force. He is professional and outstanding in what he does, constantly striving to improve himself and his unit and always has a positive attitude."

The sentiments were echoed by those who supervised him during

the award period.

"You name it and Senior Airman Jett excels at it — a true professional, intelligence expert and motivated Airman," said Lt. Col. Timothy Skinner, 612th AIS commander. "His natural instinct to quickly adapt between being a follower and being a leader sets him apart from his peers. Even though he stands out from his peers he continually inspires and mentors those around him to accomplish the mission as a team."

But his professionalism and

dedication are not the only things that set this young Airman apart from the rest, according to his supervisor.

"One of the many things that sets Airman Jett apart is his outstanding initiative," said Tech. Sgt. David Kiesling, 612th AIS intelligence analyst and Airman Jett's supervisor during 2004. "He's always looking for a better way of doing things and always finding the difficult answers."

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### The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base timeline of hours as of Monday

Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual	Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual
41st ECS	1,374.2	1,354.2	1,433.0	162nd OSB	1,944.6	2,014.8	2,135.0
43rd ECS	1,934.7	1,783.4	2,039.4	354th FS	9,751.2	9,507.6	9,891.0
55th RQS	2,880.0	2,878.4	2,880.0	357th FS	8,654.0	8,680.6	9,064.0
79th RQS	1,780.0	1,745.5	1,780.0	358th FS	8,616.0	8,536.2	9,050.0

### POW/MIA recognition today

The D-M community is invited and encouraged to remember prisoners of war and servicemembers missing in action at the annual National POW/MIA Recognition Day today. The event starts at 3:30 p.m. on the lawn at the 355th Wing Headquarters building.



# ACC's priorities for deployments

## Airmen need to meet taskings with fewer resources

By Gen. Ronald Keys  
*Air Combat Command commander*

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, we now find ourselves in the beginning of another Air and Space Expeditionary Force rotation into and out of Southwest Asia.

As a result of the hurricane, we now have Airmen who won't be deploying because of the immediate need to take care of their families. Even more will not deploy because they are engaged supporting Joint Task Force-Katrina. Still others who are in AEF pair 1 and 2 will assist in relief efforts and still be required to deploy during their scheduled AEF window in May 2006 – less than the normal 16-month allotted down time.

Commanders and the Air and Space Expeditionary Force Center have been engaged across the board on tasking issues already, but we know there are more hurdles to come. Experience tells us the challenges will be short notice and important.

With this in mind, I want you to know the three top priorities we are working here at Air Combat Command.

First, we need to make sure the AEF flows with the force it needs.

That may drive some short-notice taskings and change-outs for people as we continue to support JTF-Katrina.

Second, we need a full accounting of where

our people are in the disaster area and where they evacuated, all while reconstituting our force and facilities.

Third, we need to continue to lean forward to provide all the capabilities we can to meet the needs of our people and others in the region.

On top of this national disaster and operational turbulence, we have kids starting school, energy prices painfully high, holiday seasons approaching and probably more local distractions that we haven't seen and can't predict. All of this is going to mean uncertainty, stress and long hours for our people and equipment.

I need every ACC Airman to make sure we are doing the right things in the right way. I need every supervisor and leader to make sure we are making prudent decisions when it comes to accepting risk. We must be good wingmen and leaders who are alert and taking care of each other ... deployed and at home.

At the command, we are working hard to get the resources needed for the taskings and mitigate some of the impact; but this is going to be a particularly tough few months, and we will need to make sure we keep our eye on the ball.

I'm proud of how each of you have risen to the challenges we've faced already. Working together and taking care of our wingmen, I'm confident we can continue to meet the challenges that lie ahead.



Photo by Capt. DeJon Redd

Col. Michael Spencer signs his 2005 Combined Federal Campaign contribution form. The CFC at D-M started Wednesday and will continue through Dec. 1.

### Ready to deploy ...

<b>Davis-Monthan:</b>	<b>355th Wing:</b>
<b>630</b>	<b>340</b>
Approximate numbers as of Monday	

Agency numbers			
AAFES Agencies.....	228-3904	Inspector General.....	228-3558
Accounting and Finance.....	228-5111	Legal.....	228-6432
Chaplain.....	228-5411	Lodging.....	228-4845
Civil Engineering.....	228-3401	Military and Civilian Equal	
Clinic.....	228-2930	Opportunity Office.....	228-5509
Commissary.....	228-3116	Military Personnel.....	228-5689
Family Support.....	228-5690	Public Affairs.....	228-3204
Fitness and Sports Center.....	228-0022	Security Forces.....	228-6178
Haefner Fitness Center.....	228-3714	Services.....	228-5596
Housing Office.....	228-3687	Transportation.....	228-3584



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

## Team D-M Mission Spotlight

The 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron provides vital health services to foster a fighting force for the 355th Wing and tenant organizations.

The squadron promotes preventive medicine programs to maintain maximum Air Force readiness, and monitors the environment and occupational work areas for hazards while supporting worldwide contingency operations.

The commander of the squadron is Lt. Col. Gary Hurwitz.

Senior Airman Brian Tate, 355th Medical Support Squadron, prepares the X-ray room by warming up the X-ray tube machine.



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Photo by Airman 1st Class Christina Ponte

## Congressman Kolbe visits D-M

Col. Michael Spencer, (far right) 355th Wing commander, and Arizona Congressman Jim Kolbe, visit Airmen from Davis-Monthan and other bases Sept. 9 prior to their deployments to go overseas.

## Wingman Day aims to nurture, develop D-M Airmen

By 1st Lt. Beth Tucker  
355th Wing Public Affairs

People. The Air Combat Command commander and 355th Wing commander know that people are the fundamental roots of a successful mission. Just after the Desert Lightning team is coming through an extremely high operations tempo, an opportunity to know the people is just around the corner.

Davis-Monthan's Wingman day will be held Sept. 23. All military members will participate in a day of activities, sports and discussion designed to take care of the Airmen behind the uniform.

"We all need to know that our Wingmen are there," said Chief Master Sgt. Chuck Talley, 355th Wing command chief. "Dedicating one day to knowing each other will reinforce the bond between Airmen that makes that possible."

Goals of the day are to acknowledge and discuss stressors, reemphasize support services available and remind Airmen what it means to be, and how to be, a good Wingman.

"We talk a lot about our fit Airmen," Chief Talley said. "But there is a lot more to being fit than just physically. Airmen will come face to face with their spiritual, emotional and physical fitness alongside their peers."

The day of activities will kick off with a two mile wing formation run led by Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander.

Units will be in formation no later than 7:30 a.m. at Base Operations. Airmen who work in the areas north or east of Yuma Road may drive to meet their units, but are encouraged to carpool and arrive early to ensure parking for everyone.

Every unit will then separate and participate in activities specifically geared towards their unit and the people in the unit. The morning is reserved for team building for each unit.

A day away from work can have great benefits once back in the office.

"This day is intended to drive home that everyone on the installation has a purpose and is a valued member of the D-M team," Colonel Spencer said.

## Air Force requests accounting of evacuated family members

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — Officials at the Air Force Personnel Center here are urging Air Force family members in safe-haven status to call AFPC at (866) 299-0596 to report their safe-haven location and other contact information.

Personnel officials are available 24 hours a day to take calls from family members and

ensure they are fine and aware of their entitlements.

For those family members with Internet access, additional information is available at <http://www.af.mil/katrina/>, <http://AFcrossroads.com> and <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>.

(Information courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center.)

## News Notes

### Welcome Home Picnic moves to Sept. 28

Due to weather, the Welcome Home Picnic was rescheduled to Sept. 28 at 2:30 p.m. The picnic will be held at Bama Park and will have free food. The picnic is for Airmen who have deployed since Sept. 2004. Airmen are encouraged to wear the Desert Camouflage Uniform during the picnic. For more information, contact your unit's first sergeant.

### Base legal office, claims

Due to the closeout of the current fiscal year, the last day the claims office will accept household goods claims to be paid out of funds for fiscal year 2005 is Sept. 20. The base legal office will continue to conduct claims briefings for incoming personnel every Thursday at 2 p.m. in Building 2300. The legal office will also continue to accept DD Forms 1840/1840Rs. Claims appointments will resume normal scheduled appointment times beginning Oct. 3. For more information pertaining to a claim or if nearing the two-year statute of limitations for filing a claim, contact the base legal office at 228-4912.

### Not accepting standard mail

Due to Hurricane Katrina, the Postal Office is not accepting any standard mail or periodicals mail addressed for delivery within the following three-digit ZIP code ranges: Mississippi : 395 and Louisiana: 700, 701 and 704. Service updates are at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com), click on Service Updates, Hurricane Katrina.

### Inn offers rooms for Dining-In

The Inn on Davis-Monthan has rooms available for people who attend the Dining-In at The Mirage Officers' Club Sept. 23. The Inn is within walking distance of the Dining-In. To make a reservation, contact the Lodging Reservation Desk at 228-3230 or 748-1500.

### Reserve component transfer

Officers who want to enter the Air Force Reserve will need to first obtain a Reserve commission. This type of request may take as long as three to four months processing time through Department of Defense channels. To transfer to the U.S. Air Force Reserve component, contact Tech. Sgt. Gerald Sutherland, USAF Reserve In-Service recruiter at 228-3468.

### Terrorism history

September 20, 1984, 14 people were killed and 70 were wounded when a van loaded with 400 pounds of explosives drove past the checkpoint in front of the U.S. embassy annex in Awkar and exploded. The driver of the van was shot and killed by British security guards. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the bombing in a call to the media.



# Support

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“We have approximately 12 medical personnel providing urgent care to include physicians, physician assistants, nurses, medical technicians, and medical (administration) personnel,” Colonel Carrell said. “We also have 10 personnel who are helping with data entry. They are processing the information from the Red Cross volunteers and the displaced people into data bases. These individuals also spent time helping the Red Cross sort through the donations and loading and unloading material for the shelter.”

“It’s what we do,” said Lt. Col. Patricia Gaulty, 355th Medical Operations Squadron commander. “We’re medical professionals and can help them. They are in dire need of our support.”

“It’s an awesome opportunity to do a humanitarian assignment

to help people in our own country,” said Maj. Jennifer Kimmet, 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron flight surgeon commander. It’s a true honor.

In addition to the support the Davis-Monthan community has offered, the local community has also taken an active role in helping displaced citizens.

“We have everything they may need,” said Adeline Hill, Workshop Church Group coordinator. “We have clothes for every age, a large library, an in-house newspaper, shampoo and conditioner, a baby area with diapers, food and ointment, a senior citizen center, a children’s area and a recreational area. The 1,200 cots each have two blankets, a pillow, sheets, a towel, a hygiene kit, and a box and bag for personal belongings. None of this was here two days ago.”

Helping them is important, Ms. Hill said. “Because these people need it. These are all normal things we take for granted. When we wake up in the morning, we

get into our shower and grab our shampoo to wash our hair. These people don’t have shampoo, or even a shower. Hopefully when they get here, they’ll see that Tucson cares.”

“D-M has provided outstanding support,” Colonel Carrell said. “There is a great spirit of cooperation between D-M, governor’s office, mayor’s office, county officials, corporations, private organizations and churches. The cooperative efforts have truly formed a powerful team to help these displaced Americans. While there were 24 D-M personnel working at the TCC in an official capacity, there were many more individuals from D-M, both active duty and dependents, that showed up to volunteer their time to help the Red Cross.”

“It is important (to help) because they are Americans in need,” Colonel Carrell said. “D-M has been an integral part of the Tucson community for over 80 years and we want to do our part to help assimilate these people into the community.”

## Hurricane Katrina rescue snapshot

### Air Force action taken Monday

- ◆ Rescues.....0
- ◆ Sorties.....133
- ◆ Evacuee passengers flown.....76
- ◆ Joint Task Force support passengers flown.....42
- ◆ Cargo tons delivered.....283
- ◆ Aeromedical evacuation patients moved.....0
- ◆ Civil Air Patrol sorties.....39

### Air Force action total

- ◆ Rescues.....5,521
- ◆ Sorties.....2,503
- ◆ Evacuee passengers flown...27,252
- ◆ Joint Task Force support passengers flown.....11,710
- ◆ Cargo tons delivered.....5,501
- ◆ Aeromedical evacuation patients moved.....2,558
- ◆ Civil Air Patrol sorties.....280



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

Senior Airman Anthony Jett, 755th Operations Support Squadron intelligence analyst, gives an intelligence briefing. While assigned to the 612th Air Intelligence Squadron, Airman Jett received the Air Force’s Outstanding Active Duty Intelligence Airman of the Year for 2004. Airman Jett will be recognized at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, in November.

## Airman

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When asked about his career success, the Kentucky-native gives his old squadron all the credit.

“I have to give all the credit to the supervision and mentors I had at the 612th AIS,” Airman Jett said. “Some of the most influential people throughout my career have been Sergeant Kiesling, Master Sergeant Wiley Tibbetts and Master Sgt. Joe Lopez, Senior Master Sgt. Mike Perry, Mr. Thomas Reeder and Colonel Skinner.”

“Although these individuals are not the only ones who have played a part in my success, they played an important role in tailoring me as an intelligence and Air Force professional, making me better than I ever thought I could be,” Airman Jett said.

Some of the contributions of the below the zone senior airman included being deployed to the U.S. Central Command and the U.S. Southern Command areas of responsibility in 2004.

During his three-month deployment to Qatar, he was handpicked to partake in assessing the security situation of two Afghanistan provinces, to be later visited by Afghanistan’s President Hamid Karzai. Airman Jett also served as the only analyst during an 80 percent manning shortfall, still producing and disseminating more than 80 intelligence briefings. He also researched and analyzed more than 700 all-source intelligence reports daily, resulting in direct support to 800 combat and support missions.

Meanwhile during his two-month deployment to Colombia, he conducted a thorough background study of the 20,000-strong Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, also known as the FARC, ensuring planners received current and accurate information to determine enemy courses of action. As a member of the embassy’s Intelligence Fusion Center, he conducted detailed analysis focused on the recovery

of three American civilians being held hostage by the FARC.

In addition to his contributions abroad in 2004, some of his accomplishments at D-M included serving as a member of the U.S. Southern Command Air Forces — Haiti crisis response team, where he researched and developed enemy courses of actions, which were key to planning air operations in Haiti. He was also recognized by his unit as the squadron’s Airman of the Quarter and “Warrior of the Month” for his superb job performance and was also named a “Superior Performer” at exercise Blue Flag 04-2, 12th Air Force’s largest coalition Air and Space Operations Center exercise last year.

Due to his broad experience despite his young age, the three-year Air Force veteran trained incoming Airmen and company grade officers, increasing the number of Colombian narcoterrorism experts for the command.

According to officials here, Airman Jett’s win was no surprise to them because they knew his accomplishments were above and beyond other Airmen.

“I had no doubts that he was deserving of this honor,” Colonel Skinner said. “My biggest fear was that our ability to capture and communicate all of his accomplishments would fail him and he wouldn’t be recognized for what he earned on his own. I’m glad we did him right and couldn’t be prouder.”

The future Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System Airman had a few words for fellow Airmen who may aspire to this prestigious honor.

“Don’t concern yourself with the actions of others at the workplace. Do your job the best you know how every day and eventually everything will fall into place,” Airman Jett said.

Airman Jett will be honored at the Air Force Intelligence Awards Program banquet in November at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas. And later, move to his new JSTARS assignment at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

# New base housing for Airmen to be ready for move-in by Dec.

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

355th Wing Public Affairs

After months of construction, Davis-Monthan Airmen are scheduled to live in the new base houses by December.

"We had a delay on the completion date of the new houses due to cabinets not being available and the weather has also been a factor," said Ruby Modica, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron housing manager.

"We are currently walking Court A on pre-final inspections of the houses," Mrs. Modica said. "Once the contractor has completed the discrepancies and the cleaners have cleaned the houses, we will perform a final walk through of the houses to make sure items identified on the pre-final walk through have been corrected."

Though not all of the new houses have been assigned, one family already knows which house is assigned to them and when their estimated move-in date will be.

Airman 1st Class Ramiro Villalobos, 55th Rescue Squadron Life Support technician, his wife Amber and two kids, Gabe and Natalie, are among the people waiting for their set of keys.

"We would like to turn over the key to them (no later than) Sept. 30 if everything stays on track for the turn over of Court A," Mrs. Modica said.

The Villalobos family have watched the construction process month by month. As the houses took shape, they have waited.

"We drive by our new house at least twice a week," Airman Villalobos said. "We are so excited about moving in and setting everything up. We are really looking forward to the downstairs because of the living room, huge kitchen, laundry room and two car garage."

The family is also excited about the large yard.

Airman and Mrs. Villalobos said the only thing they are not looking forward to is the work that is required in moving from one house to another.

Prior to assigning the remaining houses, Mrs. Modica said "we are waiting to confirm an accurate move in date for the others."

*Airman 1st Class Ramiro Villalobos, 55th Rescue Squadron life support technician, and his son Gabe, look outside at what will soon be their new front yard. Their family is scheduled to move in to their new home Sept. 30.*



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle



# CRIME & Punishment

## Davis-Monthan discharges, Articles 15 from Aug. 29 through Sept. 2

◆ An airman first class assigned to the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron plead **guilty of using cocaine on more than one occasion** and was sentenced to reduction to the grade of E-1 and six months confinement. This was a violation of Article 112 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

◆ A senior airman assigned to the 355th Mission Support Squadron plead **guilty of conspiracy to possess cocaine with the intent to distribute, possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute and selling privacy act information** and was sentenced to a **dishonorable discharge**, five years confinement, reduction to

the grade of E-1, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and a \$4,000 fine. These were violations of Articles 112A, 81 and 134 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class assigned to the 355th Security Forces Squadron received a suspended reduction to airman, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand for **failing to refrain from drinking and possessing alcohol while under the age of 21**. This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ A senior airman assigned to the 355th SFS received a reduction to airman first class, suspended forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months, 20 days extra duty, and a reprimand for **failing to refrain from sleeping on duty and negligently failing to have a magazine in weapon on post**. These were violations of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

*(Editor's note: Information courtesy of the 355th Wing Staff Judge Advocate Office. The same offense can result in different punishment for each offender. The offender's commander considers several factors when determining punishment, including the offender's service record and impact on unit discipline, cohesion and morale.)*

## Area Defense Counsel tip of the week

Did you know ... the only type of court-martial that may issue a dishonorable discharge is a general court martial; however, either a general or special court-martial may issue a bad conduct discharge. For more information, or to ask questions, contact the ADC at 228-5664.



One more time ...

# Sergeant shares her memories from deployment



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Nicki Griffin, 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron supply liaison, was deployed to Uzbekistan. This was her third deployment.

**By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy**  
355th Wing Public Affairs

For Airmen assigned to the 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, deploying is a common occurrence.

"As a supply liaison, I am responsible for ordering, receiving, and tracking aircraft assets in support of Electronic Warfare EC-130H 'Compass Call' aircraft at home station," said Staff Sgt. Nicki Griffin, 755th AMXS supply liaison. "The 755th is considered a Low Density, High Demand unit, therefore I am called upon to deploy often — sometimes twice a year."

During her last deployment, Sergeant Griffin went to Karshi-Khanabad, Uzbekistan and Bagram, Afghanistan. Prior deployments include Masirah Island, Oman and K2, Uzbekistan.

"I was ok with deploying because I had already been to Uzbekistan; however, when I was told that we were forwarding to Afghanistan, I was really scared," Sergeant Griffin said. "I wasn't sure if I would be able to handle that type of environment. However, I knew I had to get myself together and realized others counted on me to carry out the mission."

"I feel sorry for the guys who would have gotten in my way though, cause I was ready to do some damage," she said. "It turned out not being as bad as everyone said it would be. I was one of two girls there and we stuck together and stayed busy and just helped each other out."

In addition to meeting people, Sergeant Griffin

gave advice to Airmen who are in a deployed location.

"Be active," Sergeant Griffin said. "Don't just sit in your room or tent everyday because it will make you miserable. Go to the gym, CLEP some classes, or just get out and meet others."

While some say that their worst memories are the buzzing sound of missiles flying overhead, Sergeant Griffin's was more sentimental.

"I was at work and glanced across the flightline and saw an empty spot where the CH-47 helicopter that got shot down used to be," Sergeant Griffin said. "Several people whom we lived and worked with every day died the night before. It was really sad because it made me realize how real this war is and how precious life is."

Though there were rough times during her deployment, Sergeant Griffin said that there were good memories from their too.

"I met Toby Keith in Afghanistan, the Denver Broncos' cheerleaders in Al Udeid, and went to an Orioles and Red Sox game in Baltimore, Md. where the Red Sox won 7 to 2," Sergeant Griffin said.

For those at home station, Sergeant Griffin said that people can help Airmen who are currently deployed.

"Before you lay your head down to sleep at night, say a little prayer for our brothers and sisters over there," Sergeant Griffin said. "There is a lot more going on that we don't see or hear about and only God, not guns, can keep them safe."

## Shoplifting can be a high price crime, affects everyone

**DALLAS** – Military service members spend years building careers on values such as trust, competency and responsibility, all which can come crashing down with one shoplifting incident. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has several avenues to prevent shoplifting, and supports legislation to recover stolen merchandise.

The AAFES Loss Prevention associates focus on deterring shoplifting by identifying areas that tend to have high pilferage rates. These areas include electronics, sporting goods and cosmetics. Most AAFES exchanges have some type of surveillance, whether it is cameras, detectives or both to monitor these areas and try to prevent shoplifting before it occurs.

If a customer has passed the opportunity to pay for merchandise, loss prevention associates turn the issue to military police. In addition to action pursued by military police, the Federal Claims Collection Act al-

lows AAFES to enact a Civil Recovery Program, which began March 1, 2002. The flat, administrative cost, applicable to every shoplifting incidence, is \$200 and there may be further fees depending on the condition of the recovered stolen merchandise.

"The costs involved in shoplifting affects more than just the shoplifter," said AAFES Loss Prevention Vice President David Drake. "AAFES has a mission to return dividends to Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs, so it ultimately affects everyone."

Shoplifting in military exchanges cost service members millions of dollars annually. In fact, AAFES detained 9,076 shoplifters in 2004 alone.

Civil Recovery allows AAFES to recoup some of the cost associated with shoplifting; however, the damage to a career and reputation can be irreparable.

(Information courtesy of Army Air Force Exchange Service.)



Photo by Capt. Mark Gibson

## Checkin' it twice ...

**BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan** – Senior Airman Lisa Wissler, 41st Expeditionary Electronic Combat Squadron aircrew life support, deployed from Davis-Monthan, inspects the outer container, to include the riser tackings and release assembly, of a BA-18 back style parachute. She is also ensuring proper hose connection and checking microphone serviceability on a quick don oxygen mask. Airman Wissler is the only life support technician for the 41st EECs.



## Policy decreases threat of identity theft

**ARLINGTON, Va.** — The undersecretary of defense-comptroller and the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness have co-signed a new policy that directs military departments and all defense civilian employees to support the policy to eliminate paper copies of leave and earnings statements and W-2 tax statements.

Under the new policy, servicemembers and civilian non-bargaining employees who log on to the myPay Web site are consenting to receive electronic copies of their documents.

Bargaining unit civilians will be brought onto this system as soon as local negotiations are completed.

MyPay is currently available to all servicemembers, Department of Defense civilian employees, and military retirees and annuitants. Although the policy applies to servicemembers and DOD civilians, the benefits of using myPay to eliminate identity theft associated with postal delivery of these statements also applies to retirees

and annuitants for their 1099 tax statements.

For many years, myPay has provided servicemembers and civilian employees with a secure method to view, print and save their LES, W-2 or 1099s electronically. Receipt of electronic documents eliminates risk associated with hand-delivered mail. By using myPay to view and print statements, names, addresses and Social Security numbers are protected.

The individual controls when the document is viewed and printed, and sensitive data is under his or her control at all times. This is particularly important for W-2s and 1099s, where the SSN cannot be masked because of Internal Revenue Service regulations.

Besides obtaining electronic copies of LES' and tax statements, customers can make adjustments to federal and state tax withholdings and update bank account and electronic transfers by accessing myPay.

*(Information courtesy of Air Force Print News.)*

# Some Airmen can carry over 'use or lose' leave

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — Airmen who were recalled from or unable to take annual leave this past year for reasons such as support for contingency operations will be allowed to accumulate more than the normal 60 days after the fiscal year ends.

Special leave accrual carry-over also applies to Air Force reservists and Air National Guardsmen who performed full-time training or other full-time duties for more than 29 days.

Airmen who lost leave may carry the following leave amounts:

- ◆ Up to 120 days for Airmen deployed or assigned to hostile fire/imminent danger pay areas.
- ◆ Up to 90 days for Airmen who deployed or were assigned to other than hostile fire/imminent danger locations.
- ◆ Up to 90 days for Airmen affected by significant and unforeseen operational mission requirements as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

Additionally, Airmen who lost leave as a consequence of assignments supporting contingency operations as of Sept. 30, are authorized restoration of the leave they lost.

"This program is meant to enable people to take leave they've earned," said Tech. Sgt. Deitra Mathis, non-commissioned officer in charge of field operations, leave and commander's support staff programs at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "For the program to work as planned, though, those affected need to take not only the leave they are carrying over now, but also the leave they will earn during the next fiscal year, or they may lose leave next year."

Those Airmen who meet the criteria for having excess leave should contact their local military personnel flight, customer service element for additional guidance such as eligibility to carry over leave beyond the following fiscal year.

*(Information courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service.)*

# ESCOHCAMP top 10 write-ups, how to prevent them

The following items are taken from the 2004 internal Environmental Safety, Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Management Program assessment. This list identifies the basic requirements needed to be compliant, and the regulatory driver. Addressing these 10 items will help eliminate findings during the assessment Monday through Friday.

## 1. Parking and driving on unpaved areas

- ◆ No vacant lot or other open urban areas shall be used by motor vehicles in such a manner that visible dust emissions are induced;
- ◆ Utilization of designated parking areas is necessary to reduce dust pollution;
- ◆ Parking is authorized only in areas clearly laid out or marked off on paved or graveled areas. Parking is not authorized on unpaved areas except during special events;
- ◆ Unit commanders should ensure all inadequate parking areas are identified through the Air Force Form 332 process;

## 2. Emergency eyewash/shower stations

- Permanently installed units must be properly maintained and units must be:
- ◆ Activated weekly by supervisor or worker and documented;
  - ◆ Inspected monthly by the supervisor and documented with date and name;
  - ◆ The water supply shut-off valve must be marked identifying it as a water supply to an emergency eyewash/shower station;

## 3. Open dumpsters

- All refuse dumpsters must be closed and covered when not adding waste.

## 4. Compressed gas cylinder storage

- ◆ Storage areas must be marked with the hazard class or name of gas stored with “No Smoking” signs;
- ◆ Gases must be compatible. Note: No flammable gas (acetylene) may be stored with an

oxidizer (oxygen);

- ◆ Cylinders must be capped when stored;
- ◆ Cylinders must be secured to prevent falling;
- ◆ Cylinders must be tagged.

## 5. Universal Waste Management

Universal Waste must be managed in accordance with the D-M Hazardous Waste Management Plan. The biggest area of concern is the management of fluorescent lamps and batteries.

Fluorescent and other mercury lamps must be:

- ◆ Stored in the workplace no longer than nine months;
  - ◆ Storage container must be closed;
  - ◆ Container must be marked with Appendix E from the D-M HWMP;
  - ◆ Appendix E must be marked with the date the first lamp was placed in the container.
- Batteries (non-lead acid) must be:
- ◆ Stored in the workplace no longer than nine months;
  - ◆ Storage containers must be closed if batteries are leaking or damaged;
  - ◆ Container must be marked with Appendix F from the D-M HWMP;
  - ◆ Appendix J must be marked with date the first battery was placed in the container.

## 6. Aerosol can disposal

Aerosol cans must be:

- ◆ Stored in a self-closing container;
- ◆ Marked with flammable gas warning label;
- ◆ Marked “Aerosol cans for puncturing;”
- ◆ Marked with Appendix H on or near container;
- ◆ Disposed of at the Hazmart Pharmacy.

## 7. Hazardous material storage

All flammable storage locker locations must be coordinated with the D-M fire department.

Flammable/combustible storage cabinets must meet specific requirements:

- ◆ Be labeled “Flammable keep fire away;”
- ◆ Door must have a three-point lock;

- ◆ Doorsill is raised at least two inches;
- ◆ Indoor cabinets have the ventilation port caps inserted;
- ◆ At least one portable fire extinguisher near the cabinet;
- ◆ No incompatibles should be stored in flammable cabinet (compressed gas, oxidizers, corrosives).

## 8. Recyclables in trash

D-M has an established Qualified Recycling Program and is required to recycle the following:

- ◆ High quality office paper
- ◆ Plastics
- ◆ Metals
- ◆ Glass
- ◆ Cardboard
- ◆ Newspapers
- ◆ Used tires
- ◆ Wood (dunnage, pallets, crates)

These items must not be thrown away in refuse dumpsters.

## 9. Asbestos in facilities

All facility managers must coordinate all Air Force Form 332s through the 355th CES and the Bioenvironmental flight prior to starting any self-help project to ensure all asbestos containing material has been identified.

## 10. Hazcom awareness

All supervisors of shops using or handling hazardous materials need a Hazcom Program Book.

- ◆ Book must be reviewed annually;
- ◆ Inventory of all chemicals must be maintained;
- ◆ Material Safety Data Sheet must be maintained for all chemicals used in the workplace;
- ◆ MSDSs must be manufacturer specific;
- ◆ Chemical containers in the workplace must be labeled, tagged or marked with specific information:

- ◆ Name of chemical
- ◆ Hazard warning sign/symbol
- ◆ Name and phone number of manufacturer.



# Organizational lessons reinforced by Katrina

By Lt. Col. Timothy Skinner  
612th Air Intelligence Squadron

A couple of weeks ago my wife and I were finally able to take that “vacation” to visit our families that we had been trying to fit in since June. On August 27 we landed in New Orleans to learn that Hurricane Katrina had grown in magnitude and failed to make the turn toward Florida we had expected.

To ride out the storm, we evacuated to my parent’s house about 70 miles from the coast just south of Hattiesburg, Miss. I won’t recap what you can get from local and national news agencies regarding the storm or its aftermath in this article.

However, my week long experience in the Dixie Community reinforced several key lessons that any organization should take to heart.

To begin with, a little preparation goes a long way. Obviously having the right, properly maintained equipment on hand is critical to mission success — in this case survival and recovery.

In Dixie, food, water, gasoline, generators, chain saws, tractors, and even fire arms for security were critical in the initial moments following the storm. Beyond that however, knowing your people is just as important as having the right equipment.

Knowing people is not just a leader’s responsibility. It’s a responsibility of every member of the organization.

Following the storm, Dixie Community was divided into numerous, isolated pockets and these pockets were thrust into the “fight” with what was on-hand.

The community needed to know each others’ strengths and weaknesses before the crisis hit — who owned chain saws and tractors, who had special medical needs, even where everyone lived were key pieces of information.

Finally, understanding organizational relationships, both internal and external, were critical to the long-term sustainment of success.

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— Lt. Col. Timothy Skinner,  
612th Air Intelligence Squadron  
commander

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The community’s churches, volunteer fire department and elected county officials served as the backbone that connected their needs with outside help. These relationships existed prior to the storm and as a result help flowed quickly.

Information flow and clear communication is essential. Even though water, electricity and telephones stopped operating about mid-morning of the storm, cell phone service stayed on until late in the afternoon and some community members kept current on damage reports.

However after the storm had passed, the only means of communication was face-to-face. With all roads blocked every 100 to 200 yards with trees and power lines, automobile travel was difficult.

Immediately, those who could began to clear these obstacles did. The community leaders, both formal and informal, began to divide up responsibilities within the community to do a damage assessment and identify the urgent needs of the community.

By knowing the community, as discussed before, leaders focused first on those they knew might need help and sought help from those they knew were able. Within a matter of hours the leaders knew the status of the immediate community.

Now the task of surviving for the long haul moved to the forefront. Contact with other communities, towns and cities was established. In-

formation regarding where to get the necessities to survive (food, water, ice, gas) was scarce.

The local radio stations were all out of service and the local TV station had very little info to pass along. After two days, tensions began to rise. Word of mouth was the most effective communication tool, however that takes precious gasoline and wasn’t always reliable.

Many gallons of gasoline was wasted chasing rumors of open gas stations or ice handouts. Once a formal means of disseminating information was established, calm and order were restored.

Effective, reliable communication was essential to not only maintaining the peace but also to survival.

Finally, making personal sacrifices for the greater team with a positive attitude guaranteed success.

Neighbors with chain saws and tractors took the initiative to help the community and quickly cleared vital roadways and driveways. Other neighbors volunteered whatever they had to help satisfy any needs that arose.

When open gas stations and ice and water lines were found, neighbors spread the word and shared what they got with each other.

The positive attitudes, strong resolve, and even humor that the community residents displayed were contagious.

And while the grueling work to endure and rebuild sometimes overcame even the strongest, they quickly rebounded because of the presence of their neighbors.

Even though Dixie had never heard of the Air Force’s Wingman program, they were practicing it.

While some homes suffered severe damage, most survived and at last count not a soul was lost in Dixie Community due to Katrina.

There is little doubt that preparation, communication and teamwork directly led to this result. They are also key elements in every successful endeavor, whether in the military or not.

Final Answer

How have you contributed to Hurricane Katrina relief?



**Heike Smith**  
355th Wing

*"I have cleaned my family's closets. We've set up a campaign from wing staff to collect money and clothes."*



**Airman 1st Class  
Stephanie Schneider**  
355th Mission Support Squadron

*"I'm volunteering nights and weekends at the Tucson Convention Center."*



**Tech. Sgt.  
Doug Kimmel**  
355th Contracting Squadron

*"Our squadron donated a bunch of clothing and other items."*



**Lodia Hagadorn**  
355th Comptroller Squadron

*"We have volunteered to help the unfortunate people by putting out donation collection boxes."*



**Staff Sgt.  
Marina Mascorro**  
355th Wing

*"We established a container for monetary donations and in one day we collected \$120."*



**Staff Sgt.  
Melanie Adkins**  
355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

*"I donated clothes and shoes and I helped deliver donated items on behalf of the 355th EMS."*

JROTC seeks  
trainers at schools

Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps has instructor opportunities for retired or soon-to-be retired officers and NCOs. Teaching Air Force JROTC in a high school is an excellent opportunity to share experiences and leadership skills with America's future lead-

ers as well as imparting the Air Force's core values. For more information, call 1-866-235-7682, ext. 35275 or 35300. For a list of schools and locations, go to <http://www.af oats.af.mil/AFJROTC/Instructors.asp>.





## Sonoran Spotlight

*(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the **Desert Airman** that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)*



Photo by Master Sgt. Brian Blangsted

*This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Airman 1st Class Heather Redd. Airman Redd is a flight engineer with the 55th Rescue Squadron. According to her first sergeant, Master Sgt. Kurt Thortsen,*

*she was nominated for the spotlight "because of her dedication to the mission and 'I can do anything attitude.'"*

*The following are Airman Redd's responses to a variety of questions:*

**What are your main job responsibilities?**

Systems expert on the helicopter, hoist operator, right scanner/gunner

**What are your hobbies?** Dancing and reading

**Why did you join the Air Force?** To see the world and get off the ground and fly.

**If you were an Air Force recruiter, what would you tell people about the Air Force?**

There are so many different types of jobs in the Air Force and each one is a major contributor.

**What is the best advice you've received in the Air Force?** "Pain is temporary ... pride is forever," a military training instructor told me in basic.

**Name someone who inspires you (or who you admire):** My grandma. She has such a positive outlook on life and takes care of herself. She never 'sugar coats' anything and is willing to help out with anything.

**Where is your favorite place to go in Tucson?** Mt. Lemmon. It's beautiful up there.

## Reading Seed seeks help

With the recent addition of relocated families from the Gulf Coast region to Tucson's Convention Center and Pima County schools, more volunteers are needed.

Reading Seed's mission is to have all children in Pima County schools, reading at or above grade level by the end of third grade. More than 900 "Reading Coaches" have been trained, but more are needed.

Volunteers will spend a minimum of one hour a week working with two students in their school helping to make students independent readers.

Students are in grades first through third and pairings remain the same each week.

"Reading Coaches" must attend a three hour Reading Seed Training Workshop.

The following are some of the upcoming trainings. No registration is needed.

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Himmel Park Library.

Monday 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Nani Library.

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Woods Memorial Library.

For more information, call 798-0700 or e-mail [readingseed@aol.com](mailto:readingseed@aol.com)







Photos by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

*Tops In Blue singers and musicians entertain the Davis-Monthan and Tucson community Sunday. The performers of Tops in Blue do more than 120 shows throughout the United States, Europe, the Pacific and in deployed locations. The theme of this year's Tops in Blue is "And the beat goes on."*

## Tops In Blue entertains D-M, Tucson



*During the performance of Tops In Blue, Airmen of all ranks play instruments and sing various songs from modern music to patriotic. The show lasts 90 minutes.*

**By Senior Airman  
Brandy Dupper-Macy**  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Vocalists, dancers, musicians, sound technicians and various other stage crew helped to make the Tops In Blue performance at the Tucson Convention Center Sunday a success.

"There are 32 members of Tops In Blue," said Robert Storck, Air Force Entertainment Operations manager. "Of that number, five are on the technical (or) support staff, doing sound, lighting, staging (and so on). Even though the technical folks are not performing on stage, they are still members of Tops In Blue."

Under the guidance of five technical personnel, the performing team is responsible for setting up over 40,000 pounds of staging, lighting, audio, and special effects equipment required for each performance.

Tops In Blue also performs abroad.

The 2005 tour will take Tops In Blue performers throughout the United States and to more than 25 countries, with a total of more than 120 performances over a nine-month period.

During these worldwide tours, Airmen sing and play various songs from modern music to patriotic songs.

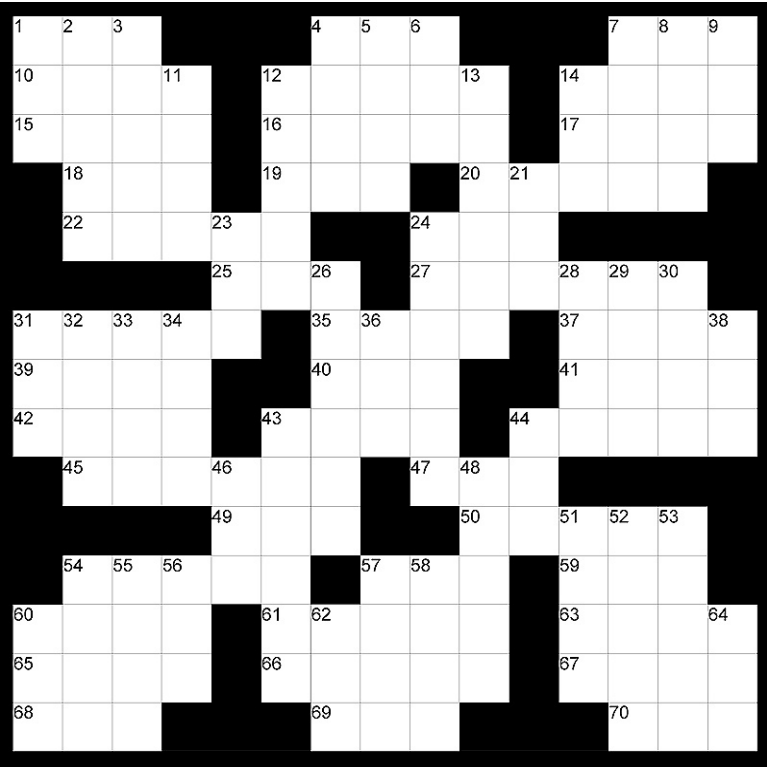
Each Tops In Blue show concludes with a special patriotic section that is dedicated to the brave men and women who are fighting for our freedom, Mr. Storck said.

This team is an all-active duty U.S. Air Force special unit made up of talented performers selected for their entertainment abilities. Performers feel honored to provide entertainment to other Airmen.

"It is an honor to be part of an organization that brings morale to the troops and the families of people deployed worldwide," said 1st Lt. Ryan Bond, Tops In Blue technical support supervisor.

Members of Tops In Blue are selected at the Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest held each year at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. The WWTC for the 2006 Tops In Blue team will take place Nov. 6 through 14. Those interested need to send an application and video to Air Force Entertainment to be invited to compete in the WWTC. Tapes and applications are due by Oct. 5. For more information, visit the Tops In Blue Web site at [www.topsinblue.com](http://www.topsinblue.com).

During the next Tops In Blue visit to Tucson, the performers will be different, but the entertainment will remain first-class.



See Page 21 for solutions

# Happy Birthday USAF

- Across
1. Commercials

4. Federal org. concerned with drugs

7. \_\_\_ vs. Wade

10. Category
12. Cpl. Vernon L. \_\_\_; first enlisted pilot in 1912

14. Gen. \_\_\_ Spaatz; first Chief of Staff of the USAF

15. Recount

16. French cubist artist Fer-

- nand

17. Pilots with 5+ kills

18. Bro's sib

19. Donkey

20. Gen., Maj., CMSgt, SSgt, A1C, etc.

22. Plant stem

24. Kunsan AB host country currency

25. Dowel

27. Gen. Henry H. \_\_\_; only five star general in USAF history

31. Frederick I. \_\_\_; charter member of the Order of Daelians

35. \_\_\_ on; encourages

37. Jacob's first wife

39. Film \_\_\_

40. 2000 movie \_\_\_ of Honor

41. SE Florida county home to Homestead JARB

42. Repeated 3X for title film about Pearl Harbor attack

43. Sally \_\_\_; first U.S. woman in space

44. Estimate

45. Banderole

47. Galloped

49. Stat for 48 DOWN

50. Dallas team

54. Uniform material, once

57. Tom Brady stat

59. Former command developed by Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, in brief

60. Ache

61. Ralph \_\_\_; American lawyer, consumer protectionism pioneer

63. Smooth out

65. For Your Eyes \_\_\_\_

66. Simultaneous release of a rack of bombs from an aircraft

67. Current MAJCOM for training

68. Snakelike fish

69. Vote in favor

70. Comm. person in the field

Down

1. MCI competitor

2. William E. \_\_\_; WWII pilot & Bataan death march escapee

3. Break in two

4. Fees

5. Units of energy; equal to work of a force of one dyne/cm

6. Period

7. Medieval torture tool

8. Mining goals

9. Golfer Ernie

11. Designer Schiaparelli

12. Ester McGowin \_\_\_; first woman to enlist in Air Force

13. Mistakes

14. Able

21. Cape \_\_\_; northeast Massachusetts peninsula

23. Dr.'s asst

24. Lt. Boyd \_\_\_; first American USAAF ace of WWII

26. NASA space program

28. Brig. Gen. Robin \_\_\_; rated a triple air ace (WWII/Vietnam)

29. Lawns

30. Art movement

31. Uzal G. \_\_\_; 2AF commander in WWII, led Operation Tidal Wave

32. Blunder

33. Italian currency, once

34. Middle East country

36. H.S. diploma equivalent

38. Word of surprise

43. Augustine Warner \_\_\_; father of modern USAF logistics

44. Picnic pest

46. Bother

48. Houston player

51. Continent home to Osan AB

52. Scarcer

53. Cpl. Frank \_\_\_; first enlisted man to die in aircraft accident

54. Citizen \_\_\_

55. Ployer P. \_\_\_; test pilot killed in original B-17 crash

56. \_\_\_ Given Sunday

57. Sit \_\_\_ by; do nothing

58. Actress Campbell

60. Writer Edgar Allen

62. Auto club

64. Considered "backbone" of USAF

(Courtesy of Alaskan Command Public Affairs.)









# Intramural volleyball regular season wraps up

**Story and photos by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle**  
*355th Wing Public Affairs*

Tucked behind a curtain in the back of Davis-Monthan's Sports and Fitness Center, four volleyball teams squared off against each other, battling by bobbling balls over a net Sept. 8.

Each team was vying for a play-off slot in the base's intramural volleyball program as the season draws to a close.

Each game is comprised of a best-of-three series. The first game was played between the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron teams. The 355th AMXS team took control early in the series beating 355th CMS 25-17.

After switching sides of the court, 355th CMS gave 355th AMXS a run for their money, but ultimately came up short. They lost the match and the series to 355th AMXS 25-22.

Master Sgt. Paul Haifley, 355th AMXS volleyball team coach, pre-

dicts they will win the base championship again for the second year running.

This win improves the team's record to 11-1, he said.

The 355th AMXS has a lot of returning players from last year's championship team, said Senior Airman P.J. Ungacta, 355th CMS volleyball team coach. This gives them an edge because they've had time to gel together as a team.

While 355th AMXS swept their series, they weren't the only team to taste success that night.

The 12th Air Force Team 1 went head to head with the Defense Commissary Agency's team later that night.

In the first match of the game, DeCA came up short against the 12th Air Force Team 1, 25-11.

The two teams squared off again in their second match of the night after switching sides. The 12th Air Force Team 1 served up a victory for the second match as well, defeating DeCA with a close 25-22.

Winning the series allowed 12th Air Force Team 1 to add another game to their win column. They are undefeated for the season.

"I feel pretty confident we can win the championship," said Master Sgt. Anan Kimbrough, 612th Air Communications Squadron and 12th Air Force Team 1 coach. "We're ready, but if they step it up a notch, we'll step it up also. We've been playing together all year so we're starting to feel like we click."

The 12th Air Force Team 1 placed second in last year's tournament.

With the regular season now

*Senior Airman Peter Ungacta, 355th Component Maintenance Squadron, spikes the ball as Staff Sgt. Nino Limfueco, 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, blocks and Master Sgt. Paul Haifley, 355th AMXS, prepares to defend.*



*Senior Airman Paul Quirion, 355th Component Maintenance Squadron, spikes the ball as Airman First Class Leah Clement, 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and other members of the 355th AMXS intramural volleyball team defend their court. The 355th AMXS team defeated the 355th CMS team in two games, 25-17 and 25-22.*



wrapped up, playoffs began Wednesday.

The Fitness and Sports Center coordinates intramural sports for D-M.

Several sports are scheduled to play this fall, including soccer, flag football and more. For more information, call the Fitness and Sports Center at 228-0022.

## Intramural volleyball end-of-season rankings

### Monday/Wednesday

- 1. 355th Medical Group, 7-2
- 2. 12th Air Force 2, 7-2
- 3. 755th Operations Support Squadron, 6-3
- 4. 25th Operation Support Squadron, 5-4
- 5. 355th Contracting Squadron/355th Mission Support Squadron, 5-4

### Tuesday/Thursday

- 1. 12th Air Force 1, 11-0
- 2. 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 9-2
- 3. Defense Commissary Agency, 9-2
- 4. 355th Security Forces Squadron, 8-3
- 5. 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 7-4

## Sports Shorts

### Bicycle training rides

Group bicycle rides will take place Saturday and Sept. 24 at 6:30 a.m. The starting location is Pavilion number one at the Golf Links Sports Complex. From base, head North on Craycroft Road and take the second left past Golf Links Road. Stay right in the parking lot to the pavilion. Participants should arrive 10 to 15 minutes early to sign in for prize drawing. Distances vary between 20 and 40 miles with shorter routes available. Maps will be provided. For more infor-

mation, contact Steven Ammons at 940-2166.

### Fitness Center Classes

The Haeffner Fitness Center offers Yoga classes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. Yoga classes emphasize the harmony of both the body and mind.

The Center also offers Spin classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday from noon to 12:45 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon. Spinning is a high-energy indoor stationary cycling program.

Pilates classes are offered every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. Pilates focuses on awareness of the

spine, breathing, core strength and flexibility. These classes cost \$2. For more information, call 228-0022.

### Operation Night Hoops

The Youth Center will host Operation Night Hoops beginning today through Oct. 28. The program incorporates basketball skills and tournament play for teens ages 13 to 18. Teens are able to create their own teams with eligible D-M youth. Each team must have at least one adult coach. Life skills workshops are conducted before or after the game. Last year more than 30 teens participated in the program. For more information, contact Tony Lozano at 228-8365.

## Sports Shorts

### ODR equipment rental

Outdoor Recreation equipment rental has hundreds of items for rent including pop-up campers, camping, boating and fishing equipment, sports and games, power tools and general use items, law and garden equipment, rug cleaners and much more. You can also rent group event items like chairs, tables and various sized canopies and BBQ grills for family get togethers or squadron function. The price list can be seen at [www.dmservicesonline.com](http://www.dmservicesonline.com), or at Outdoor Recreation, Building 4430.

### Summer golf fees

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer golf fees at the Blanchard Golf Course.

The following rates listed include cart and green fees:

- ◆ Monday through Friday:  
\$19 after 9 a.m.  
\$16 after 1 p.m. and  
\$13 after 4 p.m.  
Play 18 holes after 1 p.m. for \$10 or golf until sunset after 4 p.m. for the same rate.

See the Blanchard Golf Course Recreation Assistant for adjusted walking rates before 1 p.m. Summer rates end Sept. 30.

For more information, or to reserve a tee time, call 228-3734.

# Get up, Get out, Get fit!

## AF introduces new youth fitness initiative

**AIR FORCE SERVICES AGENCY, San Antonio** — Are you ready to Get Up, Get Out and Get Fit? The U.S. Air Force Services will launch Fit Factor, a new youth fitness initiative that encourages physical activity, healthy eating selections and rewards youth between the ages of 9 and 18 years for their efforts. Fit Factor will stimulate interest and awareness of the importance of healthy life-style choices and encourages youth to Get Up, Get Out and Get Fit!

The goal of the Fit Factor program is to encourage healthy choices and teach youth to value their lives. Being healthy and fit will put youth in touch with their bodies, increase their self-esteem and help them establish the desire to set personal goals. The most important aspect of any exercise program is that it be fun. Fit Factor is an exciting web based program that will reward youth for being active and making healthy choices every day.

“As a society, we can no longer afford to make poor health choices such as being physically initiative and eating an unhealthy diet; these choices have led to a tremendous obesity

epidemic,” said Vice Admiral Richard Carmo-  
na, U.S. surgeon general.

Fit Factor offers five levels for youth to compete as they participate in any physical activity. The Fit Factor levels are: Energy, Strength, Agility, Adventure and Endurance. Prizes will be awarded as they accomplish each new level. In addition to having fun, winning prizes and getting fit, Fit Factor will also encourage youth to:

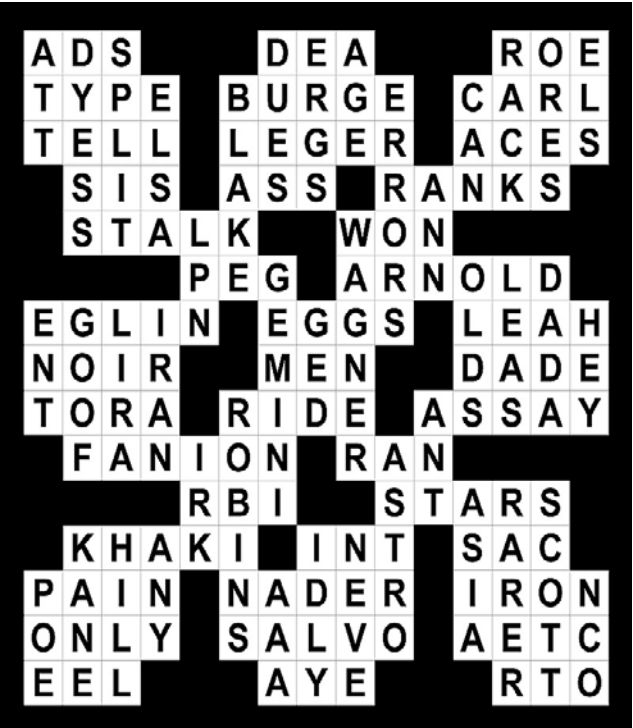
- ◆ Be physically active for at least sixty minutes each day;
- ◆ Make healthy eating and life-style choices;
- ◆ Include friends and family participation in fun physical activities and games;
- ◆ Limit the amount of screen time (television and computer) they log each day and
- ◆ Adopt healthy exercise routines, including a broad range of physical and leisure time activities.

Fit Factor will be introduced Oct. 1.

For more information, stop by the Davis-Monahan Youth Center, or call 228-8844.

*(Information courtesy 355th Services Squadron.)*





# What is there to do at D-M?

There are many answers to this question, but the Ground Floor in the Davis-Monthan dorms provides many answers with scheduled activities Monday through Saturday as well as a place to just stop in.

“The room features two large screens with Xbox linked for eight player competitions,” said Chaplain (Capt.) Randy Croft, 355th Chapel. “The Ground Floor also sponsors numerous service projects, trips, hikes, skydiving and social events.”

For more information on upcoming events sponsored by the Ground Floor, stop by Dorm 3500, first floor dayroom. Airmen are encouraged to stop in anytime to relax and hang out with other Airmen.

The following are the weekly activities at the Ground Floor:

- Monday
- ◆ Monday Night Football 6 to 9 p.m.
  - ◆ Free homemade food and Madden Xbox competitions
- Tuesday
- ◆ “The Evidence,” 7 p.m., with federal agent

## GROUND FLOOR

Seth Miller. Examines the claims of Christianity from science.

- Wednesday
- ◆ “Deep Waters,” 8 p.m., an interdenominational discussion group led by Chaplain Croft. Xbox tournaments usually follow.

- Thursday
- ◆ Free guitar lessons, 8 p.m.

- Friday
- ◆ Open Night, 8 p.m.
  - ◆ First and third Friday: Texas Hold’em, cards, music and movies.
  - ◆ Second and fourth Friday: Xbox Tournaments: Madden ‘06, Ghost Recon 2, Halo 2.

- Saturday
- ◆ NuBalance, 6:30 p.m., a growing and vibrant weekly Christian worship service led by young adults at D-M. Young Airmen lead in all facets of leadership including music, messages, social events and service projects.
  - ◆ Cohen’s Cafe, 9 to 10:30 p.m., a live mini concert. A place to relax and enjoy live, free music.

scheduled for Tuesday, Thursday, Sept. 27 and 29 at 10 a.m. are cancelled. All other testing sessions will continue as scheduled. For more information, contact Phil King at 228-3812.

**Distance Learning classes**

Pima Community College is offering college courses on DVDs. These telecourses are ideal for individuals who may be deploying overseas. They count as transferable credits to the Community College of the Air Force and can be paid for by tuition assistance. Available courses include: Major American Authors, Introductory Geology I, Nutrition, Pre-Algebra, Introduction to Psychology and Writing I. For more information, contact the D-M Pima college Learning Center at 206-4966.

**Physician Assistant Program**

The Air Force is taking applications for Physician Assistant (Phase I) training classes that begin in January, April and August 2007. Only active duty enlisted Air Force members are eligible for this program.

Submit applications no earlier than Oct. 1 and no later than Jan. 27. The selection board is scheduled to meet March 21. Completed applications must be sent by the Military Personnel Flight. For more information, visit [www.afpc.randolph.mil/medical/BSC/Education/PAapplication.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.mil/medical/BSC/Education/PAapplication.htm).

## Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

- Worship schedule**
- Catholic**
- ◆ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.
  - ◆ Sunday Mass is at 9:45 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.
- Protestant**
- ◆ Traditional service is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel.
  - ◆ Desert Lightning Fellowship (contemporary) is Sunday at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.
  - ◆ Gospel Service is Sunday at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel.
  - ◆ Sunday School classes are held for all ages from 9:45 to 1:45 a.m. in both the Hope and Desert Dove chapels.
  - ◆ Children’s Church is held weekly starting at 11:30 a.m. for both the Gospel and Desert Lightning services.

**Sunday School Spiritual Fitness**

Every Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Desert Dove chapel offers classes for the whole family. Programs include Protestant Women of the Chapel, Discovering Your Gifts seminar, Financial Peace University, Journey Through Hebrews and more are available. Contact the chapel for more information at 228-5411.

## Family Support Center

**Time for Tots**

The next Time for Tots will be held Wednesday and Sept. 28 at the Desert Dove Chapel from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Parents can meet other parents while children enjoy fun activities. For more information, call the Family Support Center at 228-5690.

**Childcare for Right Start**

Childcare for Right Start Base Orientation is available through the Permanent Change of Station Childcare Program. Childcare must be arranged ahead of time. Call 228-5690 for more information, or to sign up.

**On-line Tuition Assistance**

Students must up-date their education records when applying for On-Line Tuition Assistance. This can be done by accessing the Air Force Virtual Education Center: “My Ed Records” via the Air Force Portal at <https://www.my.af.mil>. A current e-mail address is critical and all other information must be current, or the database will reject the application.

For more information, call Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

## Education Services

**Education testing**

Due to lack of funding, Academic Testing

## Movies

Today

Sky High (PG) 4:30 p.m.  
AAFES Customer Appreciation Screening - Immediately after ribbon cutting - Free admission

Today

Dukes of Hazzard (PG-13)  
7 p.m.

Saturday

Greatest Game Ever Played (PG)  
7 p.m. Free Pre-View (Tickets available at AAFES customer service or the community center)

Sunday

Must Love Dogs (PG-13) 2 p.m.

Regular admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Call 228-5694 for the theater movie recording.

## Enlisted & Officers' Clubs

For more information on programs and services at The Mirage Officers' Club, call 228-3301 or at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club, call 228-3100.

### Football Frenzy

Every Monday Night, club members at the Desert oasis are taking home hundreds in prizes and Football Frenzy giveaways. Some of the giveaways include National Football League gifts, sponsor gifts and Arizona Cardinals home game tickets.

In addition to being treated to a game on nine screens, customers can enjoy drink and food specials such as six hot wings for \$2, \$1 hot dogs and \$1.50 one-topping slices of pizza.

## Blanchard Golf Course

For more information on programs and services at The Blanchard Golf Course, call 228-3734.

### Link Up 2 Golf

The Blanchard Golf Course offers Link Up 2 Golf, a player development initiative that provides participants with a solid foundation about the game of golf, including swing mechanics, etiquette, terminology, proper behavior and how to maintain the speed of play. For \$99, participants receive eight hours of small group instruction and a variety of on-course playing experiences. A free orientation proceeding the clinic allows participants to learn more about the program, get a tour of their host facility and meet other participants. Rental clubs and range balls will be provided free of charge during the clinics.

## Youth Center

For more information on programs and services at the D-M Youth Center, call 228-8844.

### Punt, Pass, Kick Competition

The D-M Youth Center will be hosting a Punt, Pass and Kick Competition Thursday at 6 p.m. at Hercules Field (behind the 12th Air Force building). The competition is open to girls and boys, ages 8 to 15 year (as of December 31). All of the participants must launch one punt, one pass and one kick, with scores based on distance and accuracy. There will be free on-site registration at the event. Youth will have the opportunity to advance to the sectional competition. Participants should plan to bring a water bottle and cleats are not allowed.

### Teen Keystone Club

The Keystone Club is for teenagers ages 14 to 18. The purpose of the club is to create and maintain high standards of health, education, character and citizenship in order for teens

# Learn to teach fitness classes

The D-M Fitness and Sports Center will host three instructor workshops from Sept. 30 to Oct. 2. Participants can choose from the following instructor workshops:

- ◆ Primary Group Exercise Instructor: Sept. 30 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. to noon
- ◆ Aqua Aerobic Exercise Instructor: Oct. 1 from 1 to 6 p.m.
- ◆ Basic Matt Pilates Instructor, Oct. 2 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All workshops are taught by certified National Aerobics and Fitness Trainers. The NAFTA organization is a leader in fitness instructor education and the largest provider of continuing education credits for group exercise instructors, aquatic professional and personal trainers offering cutting-edge certifications, workshops and instructor videos.

Each workshop costs \$99 and includes all instruction and examination fees. Instructor manuals are an additional \$50. At the conclusion of each class, participants will take a written and practical exam and will receive results within four weeks.

Registration deadline is Sept. 21. To register, or for more information, call S. Morton at 1-800-925-6403. Staff Sgt. Ramona Gantz at the Fitness and Sports Center at 228-0022 can also provide more information.



Courtesy photo

Students in a D-M aerobics class work on abdominal strength. Aerobics classes are taught by individuals who have received specific training for instructing aerobics of all types and have passed exams.

to develop into responsible, productive adults. The Keystone Club offers teen opportunities to develop and use leadership skills, contribute to the community, foster understanding and respect between groups and individuals and learn life skills and information for living a responsible, fulfilled life. To sign up, visit or call the Youth Center.

### Power Hour

The Youth Center's Power Hour After school Program returns to D-M for another year. The Power hour program reinforces and enhances the skills and knowledge young people learn at school through 'high yield' learning activities at the Youth Center and at home. Activities include leisure reading, writing activities, homework help and games to help develop cognitive skills. The program has been proven to boost the academic performance of participants and is generously sponsored by the JCPenney After school Fund. The Power Hour Program starts in September. School Age sessions will be Monday through Thursday from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Open Recreation sessions will be Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The Open Recreation sessions cost \$12 per month. For more information, or to sign up your child, stop by or call the Youth Center.

### NFL Flag Football

National Football League Flag Football is a premier youth football league for boys and girls ages 6 to 14. The program provides young players a fun and exciting opportunity to engage in

non-contact, continuous action while learning lessons in teamwork. Games start Sept. 26. Registration fee is \$30 for Youth Center members or \$35 for non members and is due at time of sign up and includes NFL team identified reversible jersey and NFL Flag belt with two flags. For more information, stop by or call the Youth Center.

## Family Childcare

### Free childcare

Free childcare isn't something that always comes around. However, if an Airman has deployed in support of contingency operations for a minimum of 30 days, cumulatively, in a six month period, they are eligible to receive a limited amount of free child care. The Returning Home Care Program offers deployed parents up to 16 hours of free child care per child under the Expanded Child Care Program. Eligible users are active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members assigned to or living on the installation. The care is provided in the Extended Duty Care FCC homes and limited to children 12 years and younger. For more information call the FCC at 228-2201 or stop by Bldg. 700 at Ironwood Street and Albro Boulevard.

Information for the Services Activities section courtesy of Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron. For questions regarding this information, contact the point of contact listed or Mr. Sweeney at 228-7352, or online at [www.dmservicesonline.com](http://www.dmservicesonline.com).













